

Field Trip and Opportunity to Comment on the Plumas-Eureka Forest Health Project, Beckwourth Ranger District, Plumas National Forest.

The Beckwourth Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest is initiating public scoping on the proposed Plumas-Eureka Forest Health project. The primary objectives of this project are to: increase tree vigor, improve resistance to bark beetle attacks and promote resilience to drought, wildfire and the potential effects of climate change. The proposed activities include: mechanical thinning, hand thinning, hand piling, mastication, grapple piling, pile burning, underburning, road maintenance, and decommissioning of non-system roads.

The project area is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Graeagle, California in Plumas County. The project area includes approximately 2,833 acres of National Forest System lands neighboring Plumas-Eureka State Park and the Middle Fork of the Feather River. The project area occupies portions of Township 22 North, Range 11 East, Sections 1 and 12; Township 22 North, Range 12 East, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18 and 19; and Township 23 North, Range 12 East, Sections 30, 31 and 32, MDBM.

A proposed action including a detailed map of the proposed project activities is available online at the Plumas National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52402>

The proposed action and supporting documents are also available for review at the Beckwourth Ranger District.

The public is invited to participate in a field trip on Tuesday, **September 19, 2017** from 9:30 to 2:00. Meet at 9:30 at the Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Road, Blairsden, CA 96013.

Specific written comments on the proposed project should be received by **October 6, 2017** so that they can be considered early during project development and analysis. The Forest Service will consider your scoping comments to help identify issues associated with the project.

Submit electronic comments to: **comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-beckwourth@fs.fed.us**
Comments submitted electronically must be in plain text (.txt), rich format (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx), portable document format (.pdf), or an email message. Please include “**Plumas-Eureka Forest Health Project**” in the subject line.

Written comments may be mailed to: Matthew Jedra, District Ranger, c/o Russell Nickerson, Project Leader, Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Road, PO Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103; by fax 530-836-0493, or delivered in person Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

Additional information regarding this project and field trip may be obtained by contacting Russell Nickerson, Project Leader, at rnickerson@fs.fed.us or (530) 836-7115.

Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer.